

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1785

March 18, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to suspend the processing of any permits for coal ash disposal facilities when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completes its pending rulemaking process. Authorizes TDEC to promulgate emergency rules to conform to EPA rules. Establishes a 12-month moratorium on coal ash structural fill permits immediately following the effective date of this bill. Establishes criteria required by applicants for permits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any increase in expenditures by TDEC for rulemaking will be not significant.
- According to TDEC, there is currently only one facility in the state with a coal ash structural fill permit. TDEC does not anticipate any permit fees from new applicants; therefore, no impact on permit fee revenue.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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